

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

A Substitute Specification, including Abstract is attached hereto. Applicants are amending the specification of the instant application to conform to the text of the European priority application EP 02360209.7 which is referred to in the first line of the specification and was incorporated by reference at the time the application was filed. Thus, none of the amendments introduce new matter. Due to the extensive nature of the amendments, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131(3), Applicants request that the specification with abstract be deleted in its entirety, and replaced with the Substitute Specification attached hereto. The Substitute Specification complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(a)-(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.125(b) and no new matter has been added to the Substitute Specification. Applicants are also providing a red-line version of the Substitute Specification, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3) and 1.125(b)(2). For ease of comparison, the pagination of the red-line version has been kept the same as in the specification as originally filed in this case.

Entry of the Substitute Specification is requested.